

Early Care and Education Governance

Is there an enabling statute, regulation or executive order?

November 2020

The following information was gathered from state statutes and regulations only.

To view other data points click [here](#).

| STATE ▲ | NAME OF THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION ENTITY | IS THERE AN ENABLING STATUTE, REGULATION OR EXECUTIVE ORDER | ENABLING STATUTE, REGULATION CITATION OR EXECUTIVE ORDER |
|-------------|---|---|--|
| Alabama | Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education | Yes | Ala. Code § 26-24-1 |
| Alaska | not applicable | | |
| Arizona | not applicable | | |
| Arkansas | Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care and Early Development | Yes | Ark. Code Ann. § 20-78-205 |
| California | not applicable | | |
| Colorado | Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood | No | |
| Connecticut | Connecticut Office of Early Childhood | Yes | Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-500 |

| STATE ▲ | NAME OF THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION ENTITY | IS THERE AN ENABLING STATUTE, REGULATION OR EXECUTIVE ORDER | ENABLING STATUTE, REGULATION CITATION OR EXECUTIVE ORDER |
|----------------------|---|---|--|
| Delaware | Delaware Department of Education, Office of Early Learning | Unable to locate. | Unable to locate. |
| District of Columbia | D.C. Office of State Superintendent of Education, Division of Early Learning | Unable to locate. | Unable to locate. |
| Florida | Florida Department of Education, Office of Early Learning | Yes | Fla. Stat. Ann. § 20.15 Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1001.213 |
| Georgia | Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning | Yes | Ga. Code Ann. § 20-1A-1 et.seq. |
| Hawaii | Hawaii Executive Office of Early Learning | Yes | Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302L-1 et.seq. |
| Idaho | not applicable | | |
| Illinois | Illinois Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development | No | |
| Indiana | Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning | Yes | Ind. Code Ann. § 12-17.2-2 |
| Iowa | not applicable | | |
| Kansas | not applicable | | |
| Kentucky | not applicable | | |
| Louisiana | Louisiana Department of Education | | |
| Maine | not applicable | | |
| Maryland | Maryland Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood | Yes | Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 2-303 |
| Massachusetts | Massachusetts Executive Office of Education, Department of Early Education and Care | Yes | Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. 15D § 2 |

| STATE ▲ | NAME OF THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION ENTITY | IS THERE AN ENABLING STATUTE, REGULATION OR EXECUTIVE ORDER | ENABLING STATUTE, REGULATION CITATION OR EXECUTIVE ORDER |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Michigan | Michigan Department of Education, Office of Great Start | Yes | Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 388.1281 |
| Minnesota | not applicable | | |
| Mississippi | not applicable | | |
| Missouri | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Early Learning | No | |
| Montana | Early Childhood and Family Support Division | No | Multitple, depending on the program Mont. Code Ann. § 52-2-704 |
| Nebraska | not applicable | | |
| Nevada | Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development | Yes | Exec. Order No. 16, (2013) |
| New Hampshire | not applicable | | |
| New Jersey | not applicable | | |
| New Mexico | New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department | Yes | N.M. Stat. Ann. § 32A-23A-3 |
| New York | not applicable | | |
| North Carolina | North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education | No | N/A |
| North Dakota | not applicable | Yes | N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 50-06.05.1 |
| Ohio | not applicable | | |
| Oklahoma | not applicable | | |

| STATE ▲ | NAME OF THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION ENTITY | IS THERE AN ENABLING STATUTE, REGULATION OR EXECUTIVE ORDER | ENABLING STATUTE, REGULATION CITATION OR EXECUTIVE ORDER |
|----------------|--|---|--|
| Oregon | Oregon Early Learning Division | Yes | Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 326.425 Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 326.430 |
| Pennsylvania | Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning | Yes (Executive Board Order) | 4 PA. Code Ch. 9 (2007) |
| Rhode Island | not applicable | | |
| South Carolina | not applicable | | |
| South Dakota | not applicable | | |
| Tennessee | not applicable | | |
| Texas | Texas Education Agency | Yes | Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 7.021 |
| Utah | not applicable | | |
| Vermont | Vermont Child Development Division | Yes | 33 V.S.A. § 3501 |
| Virginia | not applicable | | |
| Washington | Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families | Yes | Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 43.216.015 |
| West Virginia | not applicable | | |
| Wisconsin | not applicable | No | Unable to locate. |
| Wyoming | not applicable | | |